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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/314,889; Filed: May 19, 1999
For: **Death Domain Containing Receptors**
Inventors: Yu *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.0310006/EKS/SGW

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. A listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (35 sheets); and
3. One (1) return postcard.

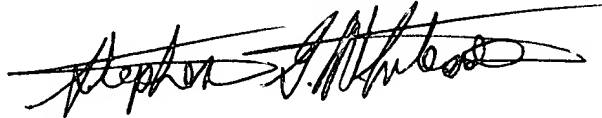
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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. 08/815,469, filed March 11, 1997, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants also wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that SEQ ID NO: 1 and the corresponding clones of the captioned application are related to 1) SEQ ID NO: 1541 in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/196,362, filed February 15, 1994; 2) SEQ ID NO: 14585 in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/276,163, filed July 15, 1994; 3) SEQ ID NO: 1252 in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/346,731, filed November 21, 1994; 4) SEQ ID NO: 5014 in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/803,609, filed February 21, 1997; and 5) SEQ ID NO: 4937 in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/803,609, filed February 21, 1997.

The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 08/741,095, filed October 30, 1996; 09/333,966, filed June 16, 1999; and 09/340,690, filed June 29, 1999 which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

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